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25. MORE BUTTERFLIES FROM BOMBAY — 2

Four additions are made here to the list of Butterflies of Bombay and Salsette published in this Journal by Best and others (Vols. 50: 331-339, 53: 282-284, 54: 215-216, 56: 358-359, 57: 233-234, 74: 190-191, 76: 369, 77: 531-532).

Precis atlites (Johanssen) — Grey Pansy. In Volume 16 (p. 576) of this Journal L.C.H. Young wrote of this species, "...though it does not occur in the Konkan or nearer Bombay than Goa it is yet found in all the other forest regions of the Peninsula." I saw this butterfly for the first time in the Konkan on 25/xii/1978 at Kihim, Alibag, Kolaba and then in the Borivli National Park on 29/xii/1980, and finally caught one on 6/vii/1980. Also seen near Tulgi at about the same time this year and at Devnar, Bombay on 14/viii/1980.

Bombay may now be considered to be at the north-western limit of the distribution of this butterfly.

Chilades laius laius (Cramer) — Lime Blue. Not recorded earlier from Konkan or North Kanara, I found this on 15/i/1975 in a garden at Devnar which has lime trees growing in it. The specimens are in the dry season form and have the dark clouded discal patch which is supposed to characterise them. They agree with

colour plate 175/31 in Lewis (BUTTERFLIES OF THE WORLD). According to Wynter-Blyth (BUTTERFLIES OF THE INDIAN REGION, p. 284) the Lime Blue "is common throughout the plains of India wherever its foodstuffs, lime and Pomelo grow."

Anaphaeis aurota aurota (Fabricius) — Pioneer. Not included in the list mentioned above but Aitken and Comber described it as "More or less common everywhere." in "A list of the Butterflies of the Konkan" (*J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 15: 51). I found it very abundant in the Borivli National Park on 29/vi/1980 and again at about the same time this year. Also, one male at Devnar on 13/vii/1981.

Sarangesa purendra pandra Evans — Spotted Small Flat. According to Evans (A CATALOGUE OF THE HESPERIIDAE OF EUROPE, ASIA AND AUSTRALIA, p. 119) there are 3♂♂ 2♀♀ of this subspecies in the British Museum (Natural History) from Bombay. Comber (*J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 15: 357) wrote "Mr. E. H. Aitken found this species by no means uncommon at Vehar in March, and I took several at Matheran in April." Though not found by Best. I took one in the Borivli National Park on 6/viii/1980.

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